

WASHINGTON UNEASY

Beneath the Surface is Disquiet Over Japanese Question.

OTHER NOTES FROM CAPITAL

Rockefeller's Wig Causes Official Investigation—Candler Recites Poetry and Earns a Nickname—Mulkey Has a Record.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—Beneath the surface there is considerable uneasiness in official Washington over the Japanese situation. That the Administration regards the question as one of grave importance, is evidenced by the fact that the Mayor and members of the Board of Education in San Francisco practically have been summoned by the President for a conference in the White House, and a trip clear across the continent scarcely would be undertaken if the national government did not believe in the seriousness of the affair. In an address this week before the National Geographic Society, Senator Perkins of California declared that a conflict with Japan was inevitable. Although his speech was of an alarmist character, he did not foresee immediate hostilities, but declared that a clash between the two nations was certain sometime in the near future. The cabinet has discussed the matter with the President several times of late, and a number of conservative members of the Senate have stated publicly their belief that the strained relations now existing might yet result in war.

There is one subject, however, on which the country may rest easy. The wig received from abroad by John D. Rockefeller was not foreign-made, but is of home manufacture. Some little time ago a story was telegraphed broadcast from Cleveland to the effect that a foreign-made thatch for the Rockefeller dome of thought had been admitted free of duty, and raised the cry of "graft." After an exhaustive inquiry and the unrolling of many yards of official red tape, the Treasury Department this week issued an announcement that the Collector of Customs at Cleveland had reported the story to be "a Simon-pure fake." According to the announcement, the wig that arrived from Europe evidently was one that Mr. Rockefeller had forgotten and it was forwarded after him. With this explanation the Secretary of the Treasury, the country and Congress will breathe easy again.

Discussion of the Rivers and Harbors Bill still is holding the center of the stage in the House. Considerable humor has been interjected in the debate. Representatives Candler of Mississippi and Champ Clark of Missouri vying with each other in the delivery of what are known to back county members as "high falutin'" speeches. Mr. Candler's eulogium was based on the beauties of the Tombigbee River, and probably he will hereafter be known as "Tombigbee" Candler. He even burst into poetry, the chorus of the song reading: "The Mississippi is wide and grand, The Suwanee's famed in song, The waters of the Wabash, too,

Flow merrily along; But all their beauties pale and fade And have no charms for me, For I have known since childhood days The dear old Tombigbee."

The real speech of the week on this question, however, was made by Representative Joseph E. Ransdell of Louisiana. In a carefully prepared resume of waterway legislation and improvement work, Mr. Ransdell pointed out that forty percent of the entire appropriations for the maintenance of government each year are either for pensions for past wars or in preparation for wars to come while only three percent is expended for rivers and harbors improvements.

"Last year," he said, "the government spent \$23,000,000 for rivers and harbors improvements, \$80,000,000 for the army, \$117,000,000 for the navy, \$8,000,000 for fortifications, and \$140,000,000 for pensions. The needed improvements on our waterways would cost one billion dollars. At the rate of \$23,000,000 a year, we shall not provide for them during the present century."

Among those who are watching the debate on the bill is Captain J. F. Ellison of Cincinnati, secretary of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress. Congressman Ransdell is president of this organization, which includes in its membership nearly every commercial body of note in the United States.

Among the new Senators who put in an appearance this week to look over things in general, were Senators-elect Curtis of Kansas, Guggenheim of Colorado, and Mulkey of Oregon. Mr. Curtis, through his long term in the House, is well-known to the members of the Upper Chamber, so that Mr. Guggenheim and Mr. Mulkey were the only centers of attraction. Mr. Guggenheim was introduced to the Senators by Senator Patterson, whose seat he is to take after March 4. It was a decidedly strange sight, this perambulation of Mr. Patterson and Mr. Guggenheim around the Senate chamber, for the former has publicly denounced the methods by which Mr. Guggenheim's elections is said to have been brought about. Mr. Mulkey, who was elected to serve out the term that ends with this session, was given a exhibition of Senatorial political earthquake shocks, when he was appointed chairman of the Committee to Examine and Dispose of Useless Senate Documents. Senator Hale of Maine offered the resolution, which was promptly adopted, and Mr. Mulkey was thereupon given the appointment of a clerk at \$1800 a year and a messenger at \$1440. While he was congratulating himself, Mr. Hale was thinking deeply and suddenly remembered the fact that this committee chairmanship had been promised to Senator-elect Smith of Michigan, who undoubtedly will be appointed to fill out the unexpired term of the late Senator Alger. Twenty minutes after Mr. Mulkey had been made Chairman, another resolution was offered to reconsider the vote, and he was ousted. Mr. Mulkey now is committee-less and has not yet quite recovered from his sudden transition.

Representative Francis W. Cushman, of the state of Washington, is rapidly displacing J. Adam Bede of Minnesota and is becoming recognized as the legitimate successor to quaint "Private" John Allen, of Mississippi. The White House has recognized Congressman Cushman's powers of oratory, and President Roosevelt this week suggested to a delegation from the Hamilton Club of Chicago, which had invited him to be the guest of honor of the Club at their Appomattox Bay banquet, that the Club invite Mr. Cushman as

one of the public men to be asked to attend. It is probable that Mr. Cushman will directly represent the President, who cannot at this time see his way clear to attending the affair.

Senator Tillman has given out his stock remedy for colds. It is a pleasant remedy—at least, the "Pitchfork statesman" so declares—and undoubtedly it will soon become the vogue. Here it is, in Senator Tillman's own words:

"Get plenty of hot water—just as hot as you can stand it—and soak your feet. See that you get into bed immediately after soaking your feet and cover up well, lest you get chilled. The other ingredients you can have served in bed. Have you some real hot water and cut up three lemons, and put them back into the water. Next you get a good tumbler of rye whiskey, and place your hat on the bed post. Just keep your eye on the bed post and drink until you see two hats. You may get into a little sweat, but when you wake up in the morning you'll feel like a two-year old."

It's hats off all along the line to Congressman Arthur Phillips Murphy, of Rolla, Pulaski County, Missouri. Mr. Murphy is certain to take place in history with George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, and other emancipators of his country. He has just introduced in Congress a bill prohibiting the giving of tips, and providing that the one who accepts a tip or the one who offers it is liable to a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$500. Throughout the length and breadth of the District of Columbia prayers are ascending from an oppressed population that the bill may become law. The tip nuisance has gained its fullest flower in the nation's capital, until today the visitor is held up by these petty highwaymen in the guise of waiters, porters, bell boys cabdrivers and a host of others, who refuse adequate or even courteous service unless the money is forthcoming. Congressman Murphy as a result of his bill is at the same time the most popular and the most thoroughly disliked man in Washington today.

Secretary Taft is determined that Congress shall grant him funds sufficient for the better protection of the Hawaiian and Philippine coasts. He has already urged the matter upon Congress and it is highly probable that the money will be forthcoming, especially as the Japanese situation has aroused Congress to the necessity for better coast defenses for the country's over-sea colonies. It is very likely that Lieutenant-General Corbin, retired, will be asked to advise with the War Department on this question, for he has a valuable fund of first-hand knowledge of the needs of the islands. At the present time General Corbin and Mrs. Corbin are visiting friends in Florida, but they will spend the present month at the homestead Hotel in Hot Springs, Va., whither the General retires every two or three months for the purpose of taking the mineral baths. It is unlikely that his advice will be needed before the first of March when the appropriation bills will be out of the way and the money for coast defenses available.

"An old negro who had been doing odd jobs at an institution in a large city," said Champ Clark, of Missouri, to a circle of his colleagues, recently, "for some unknown reason had disappeared for a number of weeks. One day another old darkey came in his place and the matron asked the cause of the absence of the former employee. 'His wife am sick,' was the answer. 'Wife?' queried the matron. 'Why, I didn't know he had a wife.' 'Yas'm, he's got a wife, but de reason yo nevah heah him say nuffin about it is he doan' talk very much about his troubles."

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ALONG THE WHARVES

British Steamship Agapanthus Enters this Port.

YOLO HERE FROM ANTWERP

Samson and Her Tow Leave Out This Morning for San Francisco—Columbia Sails Today With Group of Astorians.

The projected trip of the ocean tug Samson and her tow, the barge Washington, to sea and San Francisco, has not been deferred indefinitely, as was supposed. Captain Crowe, the well known Portland marine-surveyor, came down yesterday and overhauled the latter vessel for an estimate of her injuries and finds them so trivial as to preclude her detention and they will sail this morning early. J. M. Knight, representing the Washington's owners, was in the city yesterday, expediting their departure.

The steamship Columbia is due down from Portland this morning on her way to San Francisco. She will take from this port the following named cabin passengers: J. H. Mansell, H. Crohn, and his daughter, Miss Ruby Crohn (Los Angeles bound, in behalf of the health of Miss Crohn); D. L. Anderson, of Uniontown; L. H. Whitman, J. Merrill and Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Smith, all of Warrenton. Mr. and Miss Crohn will join the steamer at Portland.

There is a strong probability of a general new deal in the O. R. & N. office in the near future. Garry B. Blessing, the cashier, expects to leave about the middle of March for Montrose, Colorado, with his family, and his filed his resignation with the company with that expectation. F. D. McLean, the ticket agent for the

railway and steamship services, is about to depart for Los Angeles, to accept service in similar line there; George Smith, now at the rating desk, will go to the ticket window and his place is to be newly supplied, and it is apparent there is to be a general shift and some new faces thereabout.

The British steamship Agapanthus came in over the bar yesterday afternoon, from Comax, B. C., and now lies in the city channel awaiting orders. She will probably take grain-stuffs from Portland for European delivery.

The British ship Yolo, Captain Penicuk, 155 days out from Antwerp, crossed in yesterday. She is in general cargo and under consignment to W. P. Fuller & Company, at Portland, and will go up on the first tow.

The steamer Charles Nelson was among the get-aways for San Francisco yesterday, clearing from this port with 650,000 feet of lumber and twenty passengers.

Ed. Donnelly, the irreducible news fountain on the Astoria water-front, has gone out on the Undine, as lookout man, and the reporters have to rustle now.

The steamship Roanoke came in from her 1,300 mile coast run yesterday morning and went to the Callender pier, but left up for Portland almost immediately.

The schooner Annie Larsen cleared from the custom house yesterday for San Francisco, with 450,000 feet of lumber, Captain Bjornstrom in command.

The schooner Alumna, from the Columbia mills at Knappton, cleared from this port yesterday for San Francisco, with 915,000 feet of lumber.

The steamer Sue H. Elmore left out for Tillamook Bay yesterday with a good load of sundries and a number of people.

The Astoria-Portland-Asiatic liner Aragonia left out yesterday after being storm and bar bound in port here for the past five days.

The French bark Noemi went to sea from the lower harbor yesterday morning and squared away for Falmouth, England.

The French bark Emilie Galline is in the city channel off the O. R. & N. pier, awaiting towage to Portland.

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